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The Presbyterian Church of Coatesville
COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

December 5, 1933.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N.J.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

I would like to write to you in the strictest confidence and would not care for what I am about to say to be repeated. After I received your letter, I wrote to one of the leading members of the Independent Board of Foreign Missions, asking for his assistance in composing a suitable and adequate presentation of the purpose and plans of the Independent Board, as you requested for the Presbyterian. I was astonished to receive a letter from him, in reply, that he ~~would~~ not think it was wise to write such an article for the Presbyterian, as its appearance there under my name might be misunderstood. This is a great disappointment to me. I think the one to whom I wrote is absolutely in error in such judgment, and that your courteous invitation should be replied to with such an article as you have suggested. However, I do not want to cause any trouble in this new Board and I am acquiescing in his suggestion. I am writing him, however, again today, telling him how emphatically I disagree with his judgment. Of course, I could go ahead and write this, but I do not want to do it under such conditions. I am very, very sorry.

I must say, myself, that I think your paper is of increasing value, and I appreciate the openness and freedom and firmness with which its editorial policy is carried on. I trust you will understand the spirit in which I have written this letter, and I only wish I could say that I believe my contribution will, nevertheless, be soon forthcoming, but I doubt it. The next time I have an invitation to write for somebody, I think I shall keep it to myself until the article is written.

I am, with sincere regrets and warm personal regards,

Very cordially yours,

Wilbur M. Smith.

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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

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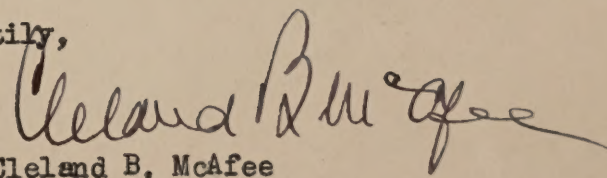
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

The Rev. Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I was rather surprised recently when I learned of the election of Rev. Charles J. Woodbridge as Secretary of the new Independent Board of Foreign Missions. Am I mistaken in thinking that Mr. Woodbridge has been quite committed to the Buchman Movement? Certainly I had that impression before he went to the field, and it was one of the questions in our mind whether his general attitude was such that it would hinder his fellowship with the others. I confess I do not know definitely about this. I wonder if you know, for if it is so, someone ought to call the attention of the brethren of the Independent Board to this fact. Christianity Today has taken sharp exception to the Buchman Movement, and it might be very humiliating for Mr. Woodbridge or for the Board if he really is committed to it. I am not sure whether you have contacts with any of the brethren around Dr. Machen, but I should think it would be worth looking into and would be a kindness all around if this were cleared before the relation is finally established.

Heartily,


Cleland B. McAfee

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December 8th.1933.

Rev Stewart M. Robinson. D.D.
1161. E. Jersey Street.
Elizabeth. N.J.

My dear Dr Robinson,

Many thanks for yours of November 27th which has reached me this morning, the last day of my sixty-ninth year! Tomorrow I pass the seventieth milestone.

It is true that I have been bowled over. I attempted to start my work again on October 22nd, but it was found necessary that there should be further restriction. At the present time that restriction means two services a week. I am to continue my Friday night lectures at Westminster, and preach once on Sunday. All outside work is cancelled. My doctors tell me there is nothing organically wrong; simply and purely an overstrained machine. I am quite conscious of the accuracy of their diagnosis; and so, whereas in some senses it is not easy to be obedient, I am doing so with contentment, on the conviction of necessity.

As to the "Presbyterian", by all means use any of those questions that appeal to you. That reminds me that I believe you see our "Westminster Record", I mean the present little magazine. If so, you will find I am doing questions and answers there occasionally. Perhaps some of these would be of use to you. As to sending you a sermon or article, I don't quite see how I can do it; unless you cared to reprint in the "Presbyterian" some sermon which has appeared in this same "Record". If you care to do it, I shall be very happy to help in that way.

It is splendid to read of "Queen Anne" and the Princess. I am glad to say Kathleen is marvellously well, and Pamela Gwen is also progressing finely.

With love to all of you.

Ever yours,

Ernest Ingham

WMH.

Wilson College
Chambersburg, Pa.

December 8, 1933

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N.J.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I greatly appreciated your
kind reference to me in a recent Presbyterian.

I am afraid the material I
sent you was very much out of date but I
thought it would do no harm if you cared to
publish it.

It will give us great pleasure if you will come and preach for us on
Sunday, January 14th. This will be the
first Sunday in the new year for us, the
College opening on the 9th. I hope it can be
conveniently arranged with your Church.

The honorarium will be, as
usual, \$50.

With cordial regard,

Very truly yours,

E. D. Warfield

*What can you recommend as
a book on Blackmunism - One or
more?*

Wilson College
Chambersburg, Pa.

December 12, 1933

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N.J.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you for your very kind letter. I asked you definitely to preach for us on the 14th of January because I thought that the opening Sunday of the term is a very advantageous date and I did not want to suggest an alternative.

Can you come the following Sunday, the 21st? If not the 21st, can you suggest a date on which you can come?

February comes along with the annual festivities and is a very bad time for our monthly service. What I had hoped to do was to get you to come the first Sunday in the new term and to work in a February date so as to correspond fairly well with that, making the services nearly a month apart.

With many thanks for the information you give me and the hope of seeing you soon,

Very truly yours,

E. D. Warfield

*At meeting Jan 21st - how absolutely
April 1st?*

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BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH AVENUES

NEW YORK, N.Y.

WILL H. HOUGHTON, D.D., PASTOR

December 12, 1933.

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson
Second Presbyterian Church
Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Yes, Billy Sunday will stay at
the Hotel Salisbury. I am glad you are to
have him with you for Monday evening.

I am interested to know of Mr.
Miller and his wife attending your church.
They are indeed splendid people.

With every good wish for the
holidays and always, I am

Sincerely yours,

Will H. Houghton

H/B

Wilson College
Chambersburg, Pa.

December 15, 1933

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N.J.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter.
We will put you down to preach for us on
April 15th.

With warm regard and many
thanks,

Very truly yours,

E. D. Warfield
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December 26, 1933

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.
Second Presbyterian Church
Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Stew:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 23rd, with its invitation to write an article for The Presbyterian on the Independent Mission Board. For several reasons I feel it would be poor taste for me to write such an article.

While I am deeply interested in the movement, I am not as conversant with the origin of it as the writer of the article should be. Furthermore, I am merely a member of the Board and not one of the leaders in it. Dr. Machen should be the man to write such an article if it is written.

In addition to this I certainly do not care to do anything that might be considered campaigning for the moderatorship of the General Assembly. My main hesitancy in permitting the use of my name was due to the fact that I feared less some might actually believe I sought the job. God knows that is one job I do not seek. I am not ambitious for any honor the Presbyterian Church might confer upon me. I am only concerned for the honor of Christ and His infallible Word.

I fully realize that I represent an unpopular minority in the church, and certainly have no thought of being elected. I do not question the power of God, but I do most earnestly believe that nothing short of a Holy Ghost revival in the church could elect as moderator of our General Assembly at this time any candidate of the truly conservative element in the church.

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Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.

December 26, 1933

I trust you will fully appreciate my attitude in all this matter.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Harold I. Laird

(Signed in Mr. Laird's absence.)

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